

**CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA
February 7, 2013**

The regular meeting of Council was held this date at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The invocation was given by Pastor Marvin Lloyd, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Mayor Edna Jackson, Presiding
Alderman Van Johnson, II Mayor Pro-Tem
Alderman Tony Thomas, Chairman of Council
Alderman Mary Osborne, Vice-Chairman of Council
Aldermen Carol Bell, Tom Bordeaux, Mary Ellen Sprague,
John Hall and Estella Shabazz

Acting City Manager Stephanie S. Cutter
City Attorney W. Brooks Stillwell
Assistant City Attorneys William W. Shearouse and Lester B. Johnson, III.

Approval was given for the Mayor to sign an affidavit and resolution for an Executive Session held on this date to discuss litigation upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Sprague and unanimously carried.

The minutes of the following meetings were approved upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Bell and unanimously carried:

- Approval of the summary/final minutes of the City Council Retreat of January 15, 2013.
- Approval of the Summary/Final minutes of the City Council Work Session/City Manager's briefing of January 24, 2013.
- Approval of the City Council Summary/Final Minutes of January 24, 2013.

Mayor Jackson said this date was the 5th anniversary of the Imperial Sugar explosion where 14 lives were lost. A beautiful monument has been erected in memory of the lives lost.

PRESENTATIONS

Jack Dozier, Executive Director of the Georgia Association of Water Professionals (GAWP) presented to Council the "Best Public Education Program in Georgia" award earned by City of Savannah Water Resources Department. He commended the City of Savannah and the Water Resources Department for doing a fantastic job in a way that other resources want to copy their programs. Mayor Jackson thanked the employees of the City of Savannah in all they do to make the Council and the City look good.

Michael Owens, President of the Tourism Leadership Council, was present to invite the Mayor and Aldermen to the 15th Annual Tourism Awards and Scholarship Dinner presented by Visit Savannah on Feb. 21, 2013. At that time they will give thanks to the 22,000 employees in the area who serve and assure that Savannah will always be known as the Hostess City of the South. Mayor Jackson thanked them for all they do to. Also joining Mr. Owens were Mitch Linder, Area Director for Prince-Bush-Smith Hotels; Jack Bussert, General Manager for The River Street Inn; and Mark Spadoni (Board Chairman) General Manager of The Westin Savannah Resort and Spa.

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS

ALCOHOL BEVERAGES LICENSE HEARING

As advertised, the following alcoholic license petitions were heard. No one appeared in objection to the issuance of the licenses. Upon a motion by Alderman Hall, seconded by Alderman Sprague and unanimously carried, the public hearing was closed. Upon a motion by Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Osborne and unanimously carried the petitions were approved per the City Manager's recommendation.

Kelli M. Walker for Shiv Baba, LLC t/a Abercorn Chevron, requested to transfer a beer and wine (package) license at 206 E. Victory Drive, which had a 2012 beer and wine (package) license and is located between Abercorn and Lincoln Streets in District 5. (New management)

Kelli M. Walker for Shiv Baba, LLC t/a Downtown Chevron, requested to transfer a beer and wine (package) license at 147 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, which had a 2012 beer and wine (package) license and is located between Oglethorpe Avenue and Ann Street in District 1. (New management)

Deidra L. Hall for Crab Addison, Inc. t/a Joe's Crab Shack, requested a liquor, beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales at 504 E. River Street, which is located between East Broad and Bay Streets in District 1. (New ownership/management)

Christian Depken t/a LeChai, requested to transfer a wine (package) with tasting license from 2421 DeSoto Avenue to 15 E. Park Avenue, which is located between Bull and Drayton Streets in District 1. (New location/existing owner)

Napathara Sakuma for Sakuma, Inc. t/a Hirano's, requested a beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales at 4426 Habersham Street, which is located between 60th Street and Lamara Road in District 4. (New ownership/management)

Steven Brian Huskey for Blowin Smoke, LLC t/a Blowin Smoke BBQ, requested to transfer a liquor, beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales at 1611 Habersham Street, which had a 2012 liquor, beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales and is located between 32nd and 33rd Streets in District 1. (New location/existing owner)

Alderman Johnson said Council had received letters from Virginia Mobley expressing concerns about trash on the lot of Blowin Smoke. He asked Alcohol Beverage Administrator Judee Jones

if there were problems on the business when it was located on 514 MLK Blvd. Ms. Jones said they have not had any issues with his businesses on MLK Blvd or Habersham Street. Alderman Sprague asked Ms. Jones to confirm that there were never complaints from residents in the area; Ms. Jones said, not in either location. Upon a motion by Alderman Osborne, seconded by Alderman Thomas and unanimously carried the public hearing was closed. Upon a motion by Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Johnson and unanimously carried the petition was granted approval.

ZONING HEARINGS

Aurash Kheradmandi, Agent for Abraxas Development LLC, Owner (12-001981), requested to rezone 300 Drayton Street from the RIP-A (Residential-Medium Density) to RIP-C (Residential Medium Density). The Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) recommends approval. The property contains an existing commercial building which houses office uses on the second and third levels. All the adjacent properties within the same block house either office or retail uses. The existing R-I-P-A zoning classification and the proposed R-I-P-C classification allow a mix of residential and nonresidential uses as is typical in a downtown area. The primary difference in the districts is the type and intensity of commercial uses that are allowed therein. The R-I-P-C zoning classification exists immediately west and south of the subject property and uses similar to the applicant's proposed use currently operate within those districts.

Marcus Lotson gave the MPC's recommendation. There are a number of mixed use areas in down town that have commercial and residential in close proximity. The primary differences in the districts are the uses allowed therein. The petitioner is requesting the rezoning to allow a proposed restaurant. The subject property is located on the south-east corner of Liberty and Drayton Streets, and east of the Desoto Hilton. There are 5 other parcels within the block, all of which are offices and retail. The subject property is located in the Savannah Historic District, and there are a number of eating and drinking establishments in the district, but no restaurants.

Alderman Sprague asked the distance between the subject property and the cathedral and Mr. Lotson said it did not impact the zoning change but if the petitioner decided to seek a liquor license he would need to come into compliance. Alderman Bordeaux said the Council had lots of contact from neighbors and one of the problems most raised was parking. He asked what type of impact it would have on the area. Mr. Lotson said the proposed use did have parking associated with it; if the petitioner chooses to move towards opening a restaurant he would be required to meet the requirements of 1-space of every 4-seats. Also the subject property does not have off-street parking, but there were other ways the petitioner could meet the requirement. Alderman Bordeaux asked if he could meet the requirement by off-site parking and Mr. Lotson said he could by a parking garage or stand-alone parking lot. Prior to receiving a business tax certificate he would have to meet all the requirements of zoning, one being the parking.

Alderman Osborne said there is a business almost in the immediate area that claim to have parking spaces in a garage, yet it does not exist and asked who did the verification of the parking. Mr. Lotson said the City's Zoning Office and typically each petitioner must prove how they plan to meet the parking requirement prior to obtaining their tax certificate. Alderman Bordeaux said Pinky's is a block south, the Desoto Hilton which has a restaurant and lounge across the street, J. Christopher's across Liberty Street, there was a lounge at the bottom of Drayton Towers, another

restaurant a half-block north of the location, so why was a zoning change required when there are restaurants all around it? Mr. Lotson said the property at 300 Drayton was zoned R-I-P-A and the properties mentioned are zoned R-I-P-C, which the petitioner is requesting because it allows restaurants. Other than restaurants there is no difference in these zoning classifications. Alderman Bordeaux asked if changing the property to R-I-P-C would allow a bar, lounge or party house. Mr. Lotson said there were some stipulations for bars and night clubs location near churches as Alderman Sprague had mentioned. Alderman Bordeaux asked for clarification and Mr. Lotson said R-I-P-A does not allow a night club and R-I-P-C does, but the petitioner is requesting for a restaurant. Alderman Bordeaux said if the petition is approved for a R-I-P-C anyone could put a bar or night club on the property and Mr. Lotson said based on the zoning classification they could but they would need to meet other requirements.

Alderman Osborne questioned the density of bars within that confined area. Mr. Lotson said the numbers of uses are not addressed within the zoning ordinance and theoretically there could be two bars next door to each other. Alderman Hall said since R-I-P-C exists west and east of the property, he did not see denying the request of adding one more establishment to it. Alderman Sprague asked if the petitioner had other bars or restaurants within the City and were they in good standing with the City and community. Mr. Lotson said the petitioner did have a fitness center within the City.

Citizen Comments:

Ester Shaver of 326 Bull Street said her house was a half block from Pinkey Masters. She presented a color-coded map for Council to view the number of businesses within the residential district. It is a nightmare of parking in the evening and she invited Council to visit at 6:00 or 7:00 pm. She said there was a misunderstanding and that there was no R-I-P-C to the east of the property only R-I-P-A. She asked Council not to change the zoning and remember the residents, schools and churches in the area all need parking.

Alderman Hall asked if he came out of the front of the cathedral, could he see the establishment and Ms. Shaver said he could not but I was around the corner. Alderman Hall said he did not see how this piece of property impacted the cathedral and Ms. Shaver stated it was because of the parking, people from the cathedral park around Lafayette Square. Alderman Hall said the cathedral people would not be there during the restaurant hours. Ms. Shaver stated that was not true, the restaurant could be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and that is what happens when they make a zoning change. Alderman Hall said there were businesses already operating in this area and he did not see the fairness in denying the petitioner's request. Alderman Bell asked what the residents do during the high volume period when events are occurring and Ms. Shaver said at times they had to park blocks away.

Mayor Jackson asked if the City provided parking for the residents, such as one space per house. Ms. Cutter said not along the street. Ms. Shaver said the residents are issued a decal and they can park 2-blocks from their house in every direction, provided they could find an available space.

Alderman Sprague also questioned the parking and Ms. Shaver said there is not one space dedicated to each apartment unit. The nearest parking garage is Liberty Garage near the Civic Center and it is only rented spaces and not at night.

Thomas Gignilliat of 116, 118, 1240, and 124 Harris Street said he has 13 apartments there; he was grandfathered-in when he developed them, and he was not required to provide parking. He said there was an apartment complex next door to him and they have no parking. If the rezoning is allowed Liberty Street would become a parking lot. He has issues now with parking and delivery trucks and often it is difficult to maneuver around because of the congestion. He asked Council to table the request at this time and review the impact it would have on the neighborhood that is over populated. Mayor Jackson questioned the space across from Parker's and Mr. Gignilliat said it was owned by the Drayton towers and Mr. Parker leases a section of it. Alderman Osborne said she did not realize that the Hilton did not offer valet parking and based upon the parking alone, she thought it would be difficult for the business to operate harmoniously with the residents of the area.

Pam Sutton of 218 East Liberty Street said Saturday and Sunday mornings J. Christopher's is packed and if she pulled her car out of her space, when she returns she cannot get a parking space until after 2:00 pm, when J. Christopher's closes. She asked Council to consider the parking issue before approving to add another restaurant to the block.

Mayor Jackson asked Mr. Lotson if there were any deliberations of parking with MPC. He said it was discussed and everyone knows parking is an issue downtown in the commercial areas and the mix-use districts. He again pointed out that although parking was a consideration, it was not a requirement for a zoning change. If the zoning is changed the petitioner would have to meet all the requirements to establish his business at that location. Mayor Jackson said in some cities, if you owned property you were allotted 1 parking spot in front of the property and she asked if it had ever been considered in Savannah.

Bureau Chief of Management Services Sean Brandon said this brought Thomas Square to mind. In that square they set a firm time limit on the block of one hour except by permit. Mobility and Parking Department looked at the possibility of parking in front of the home, but it was difficult to enforce. It was easier to look at it in terms of a block and residents were able to park on their block. Alderman Sprague asked if the City required restaurants to provide valet parking so that there is not an issue with parking in the neighborhood. Mr. Brandon said it was not a requirement; however, in the past they gave some consideration to valet or a closer proximity to a parking garage. Alderman Sprague asked if there were any provisions in the City ordinance and Mr. Brandon said there was not. Some businesses chose to do it as a business decision to get guests in and out quickly, but it was not a requirement.

Alderman Bordeaux followed up on the Mayor's question and asked if it was possible to designate a space for a resident. There is a block on East Harris between Drayton and Abercorn and he asked if there was enough parking for the residents in that area. Mr. Brandon said without doing the math, probably not. Alderman Bordeaux said there were apartments on both sides of the street, if everyone had a car, there would not be adequate parking for them and Mr. Brandon stated that was correct. Alderman Bell said in Thomas Square they have a quick turn-over by forcing a time limit and asked how difficult it would be to enforce that in the Harris Street area. Mr. Brandon said on paper it wouldn't be difficult; their challenge is occurring at night and schedules would need to be adjusted.

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Alderman Johnson said this was a wonderful place for a restaurant, a wonderful place to fellowship, eat, drink and be merry – unless you live there. He said they were once again talking about the proliferation and maintaining the delicate balance between business interest and residential interest in the same space. This is not a commercial corridor, it is residential corridor with public facilities thrown in. When people drink, they get merry and sometimes they get a little belligerent and they don't want to move their cars. Alderman Johnson said he was concerned about enforcement; 7:00 pm is the waking dawn for restaurants and when parking officers go in, the troubles start happening. This is the point where the City needs to recalibrate the balance between business sense but preserve a livability sense with those living there every day.

Alderman Hall asked if Pinky Masters was required or do they require parking for their customers? Mr. Brandon stated he did not think they did. Mayor Jackson said that establishment had been there many, many years. Alderman Hall said he understood, but his point was, if Pinky's could do it why couldn't this petitioner? He said he thought the City was favoring one establishment over another if they allow Pinky's to operate as is and customer could park anywhere; the same rule should apply. Mayor Jackson said the zoning ordinance came in after Pinky Masters was established and it was grandfathered-in under laws that preceded this.

Alderman Sprague said this situation is the same as Thomas Square, and the City needs to sit down with everyone in the area to discuss it. Whether Council approves or disapproves the zoning, in listening to the residents there is a problem. The City Manger and the citizens need to meet and work out a better solution than what is currently in place, which is obviously not working.

Alderman Bordeaux said he understood both sides of the argument. He understood there were some people who say – these people who live down town are in a busy area and should not be surprised to find lots of cars, businesses, bars, and restaurants – it goes with down town, vibrant living. On the other hand – residents would say they live there and living there involves driving to and from somewhere and be able to park close to their home upon return. He said the other side of the argument is – the surrounding blocks have the same zoning, what's another block or one more bite of the apple - soon you are left with nothing but the core. He said any one in the area as of now understood what the zoning was when they bought the building and moved in. That is what they are living with now – a certain zoning is in place. The City has reached a saturation point where enough-is-enough, and until there is a bigger plan in place, why ruin a good thing?

Alderman Bell stated she too understood both sides but she shuttered to think what would happen if the City doesn't stop this where residents have to seek parking blocks and blocks away. In larger metropolitan areas senior citizens have to sit in their cars for hours awaiting a parking spot in close proximity to their residents. Savannah could have the same problem if it is not addressed now. She said she like Alderman Sprague's idea of sitting down, working out a plan as was done with Thomas Square and something everyone could accept.

Petitioner Aurash Kheradmandi said he was born here and has been in Savannah all his life. He said he was available to answer any questions to resolve the issue and be a good neighbor. The building was originally built as a car lot and has had many different uses since. He would not

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use the entire building of 3,400 square feet, only 2,700. He has a site plan and a deliver lane plan. Mr. Kheradmandi said he wanted to serve the local citizens and the tourist and any requirement he has to meet, he would. It will not be a night club and he understands it could not be a night club due to the close proximity of the church. It would be a place of mature ambiance and geared towards the 25 year olds and older. He has partners and he will not have a crowded place with stuff all over the windows; it will be a classy place. Mr. Kheradmandi said he contacted the Down Town Neighborhood Association and several Aldermen and he wanted to stress the point he wanted to be a good neighbor and do whatever needs to be done. He owns the "Complex" in the Savannah Mall which is a fitness and martial arts business. His father has been in business in Savannah for over 30 years, his uncle has been in the restaurant business for over 20 years and he is not going into this business alone.

Alderman Osborne said the consideration for parking is the biggest issue and she asked Mr. Kheradmandi if he had made accommodations for his customers to park. He said he had been in constant contact with MPC and the Mr. Goings in the City's Zoning Department. He was told how many spaces he had to have and he said he may have to lease some parking spaces and meet all requirements to satisfy the neighbors. Alderman Osborne asked MPC to give the parking requirements and Mr. Lotson said it is one parking space for each 4-seats within the restaurant. Prior to receiving his tax certificate, Mr. Kheradmandi would submit a floor plan and how he intends to address the parking.

Alderman Thomas said he had listened and he was concerned that the City was not setting precedence by any decision made that if the parking requirements are not met for the location that certain locations don't have to have parking and certain others do. Citizens have already expressed concerns about the parking and with growth and economic development, there is a need for clear understanding of how to progress; not only in this area but other parts of down town. He said he hoped that any decision made this day does not compromise any opportunity for other business to open in this area. Listening to citizens who walk blocks and blocks away for groceries bothers him; in his area they park in their drive. It is an issue in need of more clarity. He said he had been approached by some of the speakers here this date, his decision had changed listening to all the presentations and he wanted the City to have good growth.

Mayor Jackson said she had been attentive and listened to everything everyone had to say this day. The City and Council wants young people to start businesses but in Savannah they realize that they are land-locked. She said she hoped that the Council did not approve the recommendation at this time until they could better understand a plan to handle parking. It is better to table it today than have the petitioner start the process over again. This neighborhood has been stressed with the ghost tours, history tours and restaurants opening. When the Desoto Hilton came they didn't have valet parking so that created additional parking issues. In listening to Council members, and she recommended continuing this issue until a later date. She asked him not to give up on his attempt to open this business; but the neighbors in that area have gone through some trying times with businesses wanting to locate in the historic district.

Upon a motion by Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Sprague and unanimously carried, the public hearing was closed. Alderman Osborne said she had worked with property owners in that area for years. She agreed with the Mayor that they did not want to discourage Mr. Kheradmandi, but she was asking him, just as they do with alcohol beverage petitioners, to work

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with the residents. He needs to convince them that he would have adequate parking so that they are not inconvenienced by his opening of the restaurant. Mr. Kheradmandi said he contacted the Neighborhood Association in November and some residents and did not receive a response until last week. Mayor Jackson asked him to meet with Mr. Brandon and the residents present this day and seek resolution before going back before Council. Upon a motion by Alderman Osborne, seconded by Alderman Bell and unanimously carried the petition was continued to March 7, 2013.

W. John Mitchell, Owner (12-001277), requested an amendment to the Future Development Map to change his property at 612, 614, 616 E. Henry Street from a Residential-Single Family classification to a Residential-General classification and approval to rezone the property from P-R-4 (Four-family Residential) to RM-25 (Multi-family Residential). MPC recommends approval.

There are three parcels associated with this rezoning request. The related structures have not served as residences in many years. Adjacent properties include a former commercial building that has also been vacant for some time. The current zoning classification was likely established to accommodate the existing structures which were constructed prior to zoning. The proposed zoning category, Multi-Family Residential, is compatible with surrounding land uses and the general development pattern in the immediate vicinity. The proposed density is appropriate as higher density zoning exists immediately north of the property and other nearby properties are currently zoned RM-25. The Tricentennial Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map designates the property as Residential Single Family. A zoning change will require an amendment to the future land use designation of the property to Residential Multi-family.

Marcus Lotson gave the MPC's recommendation. Alderman Sprague questioned the parking and Mr. Lotson stated based on the size of the lot the petitioner would be able to provide off-street parking for these units. He could develop a maximum of nine units and provide parking for all of them; they would have rear access from the lane behind the property.

Mayor Jackson addressed Mr. Mitchell and asked when he planned to develop the houses. The City wants to clean up the East side and Waters Avenue, and asked if he had a plan. Mr. Mitchell said he had planned to do something with the property sooner, but he did develop 35-units and beautified some neighborhoods around the City. He said he did not presently have a site plan but is planning to develop 7-units. He has also provided for commercial use and he will sell some of the property. Mayor Jackson said there was a need for housing in this area and he has been the President of the Neighborhood Association and the City is looking for progress.

Alderman Shabazz thanked Mr. Mitchell for having the rekindled energy after the slow economy. She encouraged him to put something on the corner lot, and said she was aware of the energy that had been sucked out of people because of the economy. She wished him well and let him know she was in favor of his petition. Alderman Hall said the Council admired his attempt and wished him well on the project.

Upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Shabazz and carried the public hearing was closed. Upon a motion by Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Osborne and carried the petition was approved. Alderman Bordeaux was out of the room. Ordinance to cover at the next meeting of Council.

PETITIONS

Steven Smith of Georgia Power Company for Savannah Technical College and Georgia Power Company – Petition 120391, requested the City declare portions of 76th Street Lane and a remnant City-owned lot surplus to the City's needs, for acquisition of the property. The lane in consideration is located between White Bluff Road on the east and a college access road on the west. Approximately 320' of this lane was previously declared surplus (along with a portion of unopened Bragg Street) through Petition 13328 by Savannah Technical College in August 2011. The current request consists of the remainder of the lane, as described above, with exception of a 380' portion closest to White Bluff Road (and adjacent to SL Rutland's property). The remnant lot in consideration is an irregular shaped parcel, located north of the lane between Bragg Street and White Bluff Road (PIN 2-0127 -04-013). Georgia Power Company would like to acquire the 490' of 76th Street Lane, unopened Bragg Street, and the remnant lot as part of a land agreement with Savannah Technical College. Savannah Tech has provided written acknowledgement of Georgia Power's request and supports Georgia Power's acquisition plans. Once acquired by Georgia Power, the land is planned to be exchanged with Savannah Tech for a portion of land at the school's Crossroads Parkway campus. This exchange will allow Georgia Power to build a substation (required for Gulfstream's expansion) off of Crossroads Parkway, while the College continues plans to use the extent of this acquisition for future campus parking expansion. If and when the property is declared surplus, Georgia Power further requests an Option Agreement with the City in order to conduct due diligence. Georgia Power is willing to pay fair market value for the land as determined by appraisal.

This request was reviewed by Public Works and Water Resources, Sanitation, and Development Services. There are no staff objections to declaring surplus for acquisition the requested portions of the lane and the remnant lot, which are not currently used by any City services. An 8 inch water main located within the Bragg Street right-of-way will require a 15' minimum non-obstructive easement for maintenance and operation.

Approval of the request to declare surplus unused portions of 76th Street Lane and a City-owned remnant lot (PIN 2-0127 -04-013), in order for Georgia Power to acquire this property along with the previously declared surplus Bragg Street and remainder of 76th Street Lane, for fair market value and subject to providing a 15' minimum maintenance easement at unopened Bragg Street. Further recommend approval of the resolution on the agenda authorizing the City Manager to sign the Standard Option Agreement, allowing Georgia Power to conduct due diligence on the property.

Alderman Shabazz said there had been great research from the City Manager's Office and City staff. She said this property has been owned by the City for at least 60 years and there was never any record of the family approaching the City to purchase the property. City Manger Cutter asked Director of Real Property Services Dianne Clabaugh to provide history of the property.

Ms. Clabaugh stated as with all petitions to buy or sell property they endeavor to contact the property owners, the neighboring property owners, perform a title search to find out when and how the City got the property and any potential use. All of this was done with this property and

they investigated the lane that does not show up if you were to drive in that area, but does show up on the old tax maps and surveys. They determined the width of the lane and where the adjacent properties are located. There were only two adjacent property owners that were contacted and informed of the petition. The City could not sell it without them waiving their interest in the property. There was some rejection from the property owners on the east side; therefore, that portion of the lane has been removed from the request to declare it surplus. That lane will remain there as an un-opened right-of-way

Upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Thomas and carried the petition was approved. Aldermen Bell and Bordeaux were out of the room.

RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO SIGN AN OPTION AGREEMENT WITH GEORGIA POWER COMPANY FOR THE UNOPENED PORTION OF 76TH STREET LANE, THE UNOPENED PORTION OF BRAGG STREET AND A REMNANT LOT LYING ADJACENT TO 76TH STREET LANE (PIN 2-0127 -04-013).

WHEREAS, the within described right-of-way and remnant lot were declared surplus to the City's needs on January 24, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Power Company has expressed interest in acquiring portions of 76th Street Lane, the unopened portion of Bragg Street, and a City-owned remnant lot; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 32-7-4 and the associated City code, the City of Savannah may offer such right of way for sale to the adjacent property owners, and pursuant to O.C.G.A. §36-37-6 (g), the governing authority of any municipality is allowed to forego the usual requirement of selling property via public bid if the lots in question are so shaped or so small as to be incapable of being used independently; and

WHEREAS, the City has offered a portion of the lane to the adjacent property owners, Donald Carpenter on the northwest end of the lane, and to SL Rutland on the northeast end of the lane. Further, the City-owned remnant lot (PIN 2-0127 -04-013) qualifies by being too small to be developed under the current City of Savannah codes; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Power Company and Savannah Technical College are negotiating a land swap agreement in which Georgia Power Company proposes to acquire this property, to exchange with Savannah Technical College, in order to build a substation (required for Gulfstream and surrounding area industries) on Savannah Technical College's Crossroads Parkway campus, while the College continues plans to use the extent of this acquisition for a future campus parking lot; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Power Company is willing to pay fair market value for said surplus land based on appraisal;

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WHEREAS, the City will require a fifteen (15') foot minimum non-obstructive easement for maintenance and operation of an eight (8") inch water main located within the Bragg Street right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the City will require a fifty (50') foot reserve for future right of way on the east end of 76th Street Lane as it terminates into White Bluff Road for the future reconstruction of the Hampstead Avenue/White Bluff Road intersection as it relates to Project DeRenne.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, in a regular meeting assembled, with more than two-thirds of the Aldermen present and voting in the affirmative, that the City Manager be authorized and directed to execute an Options Agreement with Georgia Power Company, and the Clerk of Council to attest said Agreement and affix the City's seal for the following property:

All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia, known on a map or plan of said City as: That unopened portion of 76th Street Lane from White Bluff Road running west approximately 900' to a college campus access road connecting Hampstead Avenue to Campus Drive. That unopened portion of Bragg Street commencing at 76th Street running approximately 100' south and terminating into 76th Street Lane. Remnant lot known as S PT LOTS 133 & 134 SAVANNEX MINGLEDORFF WD, PIN 2-0127 -04-013, bounded on the north by PIN 2-0127 -04-014, on the east by PIN 2-0127 -04-001, on the south by 76th Street Lane, and on the west by PIN 2-0127 -04-015.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 7th day of February, 2013, upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Thomas and carried the resolution was approved. Aldermen Bell and Bordeaux were out of the room.

MISCELLANEOUS

Request to Declare Property Surplus – 2005-2015 Waters Avenue. Staff is recommended that Council declare property located at 2005-2015 Waters Avenue surplus and authorize offering it for sale to the public via a Request for Proposal (RFP). The property, a former shopping center located at the southeast corner of Waters Avenue and E. 36th Street, was purchased in May 2009 for use as a Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department (SCMPD) precinct and related City functions. Changes in the proposed design, based on the needs of SCMPD, rendered the building inadequate for the original purpose. Plans for alternate City uses have been hindered by lengthy outstanding tenant leases and reduced budgets. The City has continued to maintain the building for the two remaining tenants; four of the units are vacant. Several studies have been performed and/or commissioned to assess the state of the building and to determine renovation costs since acquisition of the property, staff has received numerous inquiries regarding potential lease of the property as well as requests by various community groups and churches for temporary use. We have also received offers for purchase of the property. Since the building is a predominate structure on the Waters Avenue corridor and integral to the future redevelopment of the community, the City has been hesitant to give up control of the property. Recent discussions with interested purchasers, however, have suggested that it would be possible to sell the property and still direct its redevelopment to serve the goals of the community. Staff therefore

recommends offering the property for sale to the public via a RFP which allows the City the lease of a portion of the building for community use and some control over the redevelopment and future tenancy. The recommended RFP requirements are as follows:

- A minimum purchase price of \$1.6 million will be set so that the City can recoup its initial purchase price for the property.
- The City will require 2000 square feet for a community room, to be built out at the City's expense. This space will be made available for use by community, neighborhood and/or area non-profits as determined by the City. The successful purchaser will make this space available as a long-term lease at prevailing market rate.
- The City will be responsible for improvements to the parking lot and landscaping of the property.
- Proposer will be responsible for leasing space to such businesses as have been identified as desirable to the community. A commitment from potential tenants must be obtained prior to closing on the sale of the property. The City retains the right of veto of initial tenants. Proposers must show evidence that they can maintain full capacity tenancy of the building.
- Proposer will be responsible for renovation of the building façade, repair or replacement of the roof, and repair of all systems. The building must meet all code requirements before any new leases may be accepted. Responsibility for build-out costs for the commercial spaces, whether property owner or tenant, will be at the discretion of the proposer.
- Successful proposals will present a rehabilitation plan which is compatible with and supports the overall development plan of the neighborhood and the Waters Avenue corridor revitalization plan. Proposers shall also submit a timeline for immediate renovation and leasing of the property.
- Proposer will be responsible for attending a community meeting to present their plan and schedule for renovation prior to closing the sale.

Approval of the request to declare surplus the property located at 2005-2015 Waters Avenue and offer it for sale to the public via a RFP with the stipulations noted above. Final Plat – Coffee Pointe Phase 2B Lots 65-69 and 151-162. Approval of the final plat for Coffee Pointe Phase 2B Lots 65-69 and 151-162, located west of Coffee Bluff Road in District 6.

City Manager Cutter stated the property was acquired to house a police precinct. It was later found the building could not be used as a critical facility due to the cost to renovate. The City has worked extensively with the surrounding neighborhood associations as part of the Waters Avenue Redevelopment Plan and there has been a lot of interest in the property. People have wanted to lease it or purchase it and this process allows the City to entertain these proposals. She said they are requesting the Council declare the property surplus so that they can issue an RFP. The RFP process will protect the redevelopment plan and will ensure that the voice of the community will be heard, whether it is developed by the City of Savannah or a private developer.

Alderman Johnson said Alderman Osborne rallied for the best use of the property. He thanked her for her tireless efforts in and out of that neighborhood. This provides a win-win for all involved and he knew it was hard to be in those situations and hope for the best when you don't know the outcome. The requirements are stringent enough that the City is still maintaining a

strong community presence. Mayor Jackson thanked Alderman Osborne for her efforts. One of the issues they discussed was the requirements of the community center and the City has put their own stipulations on it. The buyer said they will meet the stipulations and again it is a win-win situation. Hopefully other businesses in the area will take notice and clean and upgrade their properties so that Waters Avenue can become a revitalized corridor. This is not tax payers' dollars it is money from other SPLOST projects. Mayor Jackson said the City is still looking at a police precinct for the east side and sometimes they must be visionaries in order to do the things needed. Alderman Hall said the Mayor and Alderman Johnson said it all and Alderman Osborne is a champion for the Might Second District. He thought it was a win-win situation also.

Alderman Osborne stated they were not giving up on the redevelopment plan. Sometimes people don't understand the process and putting this property in surplus allows the City to issue RFP's. Then the City can regain the money they put out for this property that could not be used. The persons buying the property will abide by the redevelopment plan.

Upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Thomas and unanimously carried the request was granted.

Final Plat – Coffee Pointe Phase 2B Lots 65-69 and 151-162. Approval of the final plat for Coffee Pointe Phase 2B Lots 65-69 and 151-162, located west of Coffee Bluff Road in District 6.

Alderman Thomas thanked Brian Gore for his research. Upon a motion by Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Sprague and unanimously carried the request was granted.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING REPORTS

Parking Restrictions – Frederick Street between E. 65th and E. 66th Streets. Traffic Engineering has reviewed conditions in the section of Frederick Street between E. 65th and E. 66th Streets, based on a request from Dr. William Allen to remove the existing parking prohibition along the east side of the street and relocate the parking prohibition on the west side. Frederick Street begins at E. 65th Street and continues south to DeRenne Avenue in the Medical Arts neighborhood. The street is primarily commercial and offers driveway and parking lot access points for a number of medical establishments. Many of these establishments, however, have limited off-street parking, which causes parking to spillover onto Frederick Street. Because Frederick Street is only 24 feet wide, parking can only be allowed on one side of the street in order to preserve through traffic and emergency access. Currently, parking is prohibited on the east side of Frederick Street. However, on the west side of the street, in the section between E. 65th and E. 66th Streets, there is 50 feet more of contiguous curb area which could be utilized for two additional on-street parking spaces. It is recommended that the parking prohibition for the east side of Frederick Street between E. 65th and E. 66th Streets be relocated to the west side of the street and that the City Code be amended to reflect this change. The parking prohibition for the east side of Frederick Street between E. 66th Street and DeRenne Avenue will remain in place.

Upon a motion by Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Sprague and unanimously carried the report was approved. Ordinance to cover at the next meeting of Council.

BIDS, CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

Upon a motion by Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Osborne and unanimously carried, the following bids, contracts and agreements were approved per the City Manager's recommendations:

Elevator Servicing – Annual Contract – Event No. 873. Awarded an annual contract to procure elevator servicing from Kone, Inc. in the amount of \$45,480.00. The elevator servicing is needed to maintain and repair the elevators in various City buildings. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net 30 Days. Funds are available in the 2013 Budget, Various Account Numbers/Building Maintenance (Account No. Various-51244).

Sidewalk, Curb and Cobblestone Repair – Annual Contract – Event No. 963. Awarded an annual contract to procure sidewalk, curb and cobblestone repair services from Superior Excavation Contractor (primary) and Coastline Concrete Services (secondary) in the amount of \$621,830.00. The contract will be used by Streets Maintenance and Park and Tree for routine sidewalk, curb, and cobblestone repairs. Delivery: As Required. Terms: Net 30 Days. Funds are available in the 2013 Budget, Various Accounts.

Gate and Tapping Valves – Annual Contract Renewal – Event No. 1008. Renewed an annual contract to procure gate and tapping valves from HD Supply Waterworks in the amount of \$105,388.40. The parts will be used by Water Distribution in the maintenance and repair of the City's water lines. A portion of the items are maintained in inventory at the Central Warehouse. This is the first of two renewal options available. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net 30 Days. Funds are available in the 2013 Budget, Water & Sewer Operating Fund/Sewer Maintenance/Construction Supplies & Materials/Central Warehouse Inventory (Account No. 611-0000-11330).

Natural Gas (Interruptible Services) – Annual Contract Renewal – Event No. 1083. Renewed an annual contract to procure natural gas (interruptible services) from SCANA Energy Marketing, Inc. in the amount of \$200,400.00. The services are needed to furnish natural gas to the Water Reclamation Plant. This is the second of two renewal options available. Delivery: 4 Weeks. Terms: Net 30 Days. Funds are available in the 2013 Budget, Water & Sewer Operating Fund/President St. Plant/Natural Gas (Account No. 521-2553-51206)

Extended Warranty for Mobile Data Terminals – Sole Source – Event No. 1125. Approval to procure a two-year extended warranty for 152 Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) from Prosys, Inc. in the amount of \$44,080.00. The MDT's are used by Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police officers. These MDT's were originally purchased in 2008 and the original warranty has expired. The extended warranty is needed to make sure that the devices can be repaired and return to service as quickly as possible. The reason for the sole source is that the original purchase of the MDT's was through the recommended bidder. To ensure continued and consistent support and service, the extended warranty is requested to be purchased through Prosys. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net 30 Days. Funds are available in the 2013 Budget, Patrol/Equipment Maintenance (Account No. 101-4210-51251).

Emergency Capacitor Upgrade for Variable Frequency Drives – Abercorn Creek – Sole Source – Event No. 1126. Approval to procure upgrade of capacitors for Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs) from Siemens (formerly Robicon) in the amount of \$37,040.00. The upgrade includes all labor, materials and travel for a factory-trained field service representation to upgrade or replace capacitors in three 800 horsepower VFDs at the Abercorn Creek raw water pump station. The emergency response was necessary to prevent loss of control of pumping systems which would disrupt raw water delivery to the I & D Plant for treatment and distribution to industrial and wholesale customers. The reason for the sole source is that the service provider is the manufacturer of the VFDs. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net 30 Days. Funds are available in the 2013 Budget, I & D Water Operating Fund (Account No. 531-2581-51250).

Commercial Refuse Containers – Annual Contract Renewal – Event No. 1129. Renewed an annual contract to procure commercial refuse containers from Wastequip Mfg. Co., LLC in the amount of \$77,330.00. The containers will be used by Sanitation for commercial refuse disposal. This is the first of two renewal options available. Bids were originally received January 17, 2012. Funds are available in the 2013 Budget, Commercial Refuse/Small Fixed Assets (Account No. 511-7105-51321).

Long Term Disability Insurance – Event No. 917. Approval to award a contract for long term disability insurance benefits to MetLife in the total annual premium amount of \$160,092.00. The City of Savannah offers group long term disability benefits to employees at no cost in an effort to help support their financial security. The new annual premium is for the period of March 1, 2013 until February 28, 2014. The method used for this procurement was the Request for Proposal (RFP) which evaluates criteria in addition to cost. The criteria used for this RFP was plan design and management, quality of administration and performance guarantees, experience and references, and financial terms. The RFP was sent to 15 carriers, resulting in proposals from five proposers. A short-list of finalists was established based upon premiums, and consisted of three carriers to be considered for further evaluation. All three carriers are excellent, experienced, financially sound companies with extensive experience with long term disability insurance. The finalist proposals were fully evaluated. An important part of this evaluation has been the assessment of the current benefit design in comparison to industry norms. That evaluation has led to several recommended plan changes – improving the benefit replacement from 50% of earnings to 60%, increasing the maximum monthly benefit from \$5,000 to \$7,500, and the moderation of the benefit duration from Social Security normal retirement age to age 65. These plan changes can be implemented without increasing the premiums despite the increase in the volume of insurance and the higher level of coverage. This proposal has been opened and reviewed. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net 30 Days. Funds are available in the 2013 Budget, Disability/Purchased Insurance Premiums (Account No. 621-9808-52225).

Low-Flow Toilets – Event No. 1039. Approval to procure a low-flow toilet distribution program from Sandpiper Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$27,351.00. The low-flow toilet distribution program will be used by Water and Sewer to service City water customers who qualify to participate. While only one bid was received, pricing was solicited from all known providers. Bids were received January 22, 2013. Delivery: As Required. Terms: Net 30 Days. Funds are available in the 2013 Budget, Water & Sewer Director/Operating Supplies & Materials (521-2502-51250). (B)Indicates local, non-minority owned business.

Bilbo Canal Drainage Improvements (DR308) – Contract Modification No. 3. Approval of Contract Modification No. 3 to Thomas and Hutton in the amount of \$199,200.00. The original contract was for engineering and design services to improve storm water flow through the Bilbo Canal and outfall to the Savannah River. This contract modification includes additional services required for final completion of design drawings and oversight and as-built certification associated with project construction and were not included in the original scope of work. The modifications include construction phase services; development of construction cost savings, including modifications of cross sections south of President Street; coordination with the President Street project for constructability and to minimize traffic impacts, and assistance with complicated property acquisitions.

The cumulative total of the agreement requires Council approval of this modification. The original contract approved by Council in May, 2008 was \$271,000.00. The total of all contract modifications to date including this modification is \$245,900.00 making the contract total price \$516,900.00.

Approval of Contract Modification No. 3 to Thomas and Hutton in the amount of \$199,200.00. Funds are available in the 2013 Budget, Capital Improvement Projects/Other Costs/Bilbo Box Culvert Improvements (Account No. 311-9207-52842-DR308).

Paulson Complex Dugout Construction (PB324) – Contract Modification No. 1 – Event No. 776. Approval of Contract Modification No. 1 to Arentz General Contracting in the amount of \$2,411.00. The original contract was for construction replacement of 10 dugouts at the Paulson Softball Complex.

This contract modification includes additional services required for removal of 10 existing water fountains, completely sealing five fountains and installing a hose bib with valve boxes in the remaining five fountains to assist with infield maintenance.

The cumulative total of the agreement requires Council approval of this modification. The original contract approved by Council was \$82,824.00. This modification of \$2,411.00 makes the new contract total price \$85,235.00.

Approval of Contract Modification No. 1 to Arentz General Contracting in the amount of \$2,411.00. Funds are available in the 2013 Budget, Capital Improvement Projects/Allen E. Paulsen Renovations (Account No. 311-9207-52842-PB324).

E-Z Valves – Sole Source – Event No. 1135. Approval to procure a contract for various sizes of E-Z valves from Ferguson Enterprises in the amount of \$75,667.20. The valves will be used by Water Distribution to allow repairs to leaks and for water main installation without interruption of service. These valves will be maintained in inventory for emergency needs.

The reason for the sole source is that the vendor was awarded the contract for these valves in 2012 and is willing to hold pricing for another year. The vendor is the only authorized distributor for these valves in the area as well. Delivery: 30 Days. Terms: Net 30 Days. Funds are available in the 2013 Budget (521-2503-51340) Water & Sewer Operating Fund/Water

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Distribution/Construction Supplies & Materials. (B)Indicates local, non-minority owned business.

Site Lighting for Savannah Gardens – Sole Source – Event No. 1136. Approval to award a lease for site lighting services from Georgia Power in the amount of \$35,026.75. The proposed lighting plan includes 11 lights to complete Crescent in Savannah Gardens Phase 2B. Georgia Power will be responsible for providing and installing all components of the lighting system, and will be fully responsible for the operation, service, maintenance, and any necessary repairs of the installation for the duration of the agreement.

This is a sole source procurement based on Georgia Power's unique position to provide the light fixtures, poles, power and continuous service as the local electric utility. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net 30 Days. Funds are available in the 2013 Budget, Capital Improvement Fund/Capital Improvement Project/Other Costs/Savannah Gardens (Account No. 311-9207-52842-PD400).

Hydrated Lime – Annual Contract – Event No. 1000. Awarded an annual contract to procure hydrated lime from Lhoist North America in the amount of \$168,200.00. The lime is utilized by Industrial and Domestic (I & D) Water in the treatment of water. Funds are available in the 2013 Budget, Account No. (531-2581-51323) I & D Water Operating Fund/I & D Operations & Maintenance/Chemicals.

Motorola Service Agreement – Sole Source – Event No. 1137. Approval to renew a six month Motorola service agreement from Motorola Solutions Inc. in the amount of \$99,959.16. The six month service contract will be used by the IT (Information Technology) Mobile Shop to provide infrastructure repair, technical support services and on-site response for police dispatch and operator positions. The on-going maintenance costs of the radio system are shared by the City and Chatham County. Due to the different budget cycles between the two organizations, Motorola invoices each agency every 6 months. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net 30 Days. Funds are available in the 2013 Budget Internal Service Fund/Information Services/Data Processing Equipment Maintenance (Account No. 611-1140-51251). (D)Indicates, non-local, non-minority owned business.

ShoreTel Maintenance – Annual Contract Renewal – Event No. 1152. Renewed an annual contract to procure ShoreTel maintenance from Stormwood, Inc. in the amount of \$40,966.00. The maintenance will be used by IT (Information Technology) to maintain the ShoreTel software and switches, and provide on-site technical support. Some equipment may be purchased under this agreement as well. This is the third of four renewal options available. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2013 Budget, Internal Service Fund/Information Technology/Equipment (Account No. 611-1140-51251).

Supplemental Agreement No. 15 with URS Corporation – Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport. The Savannah Airport Commission received approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 15 with URS Corporation in a not to exceed amount of \$65,000.00 to update the Airport's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) requires all industrial facilities, including airports, to file a Notice of Intent for a General Permit authorizing the respective facility to

discharge stormwater under the NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System). In 2011, the EPD amended the General Permit requirements which required all facilities to reapply and have their applications on file by July 2012. A major component of the General Permit requires existing dischargers to review and update their SWPPP to include all of the new provisions of the permit within a certain time frame of the permit's effective date. The current Airport SWPPP was revised at the end of 2012, but did not include all of the site drainage modifications to the North Aviation Development which were not completed at that time.

URS Corporation is the design engineering firm who developed the Airport Stormwater Master Plan and is the most familiar with drainage and facility layout on the airport. The updated plan will include all current requirements as specified by the General Permit.

Pipemakers Canal/FAA MALSR Cable Relocation – Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport. The Savannah Airport Commission received approval of a contract with Hoffman Electric Company in the amount of \$32,000.00 for Pipemakers Canal/FAA MALSR Cable Relocation. Airport staff continues to work with Chatham County on the Pipemakers Canal drainage improvements project. At the December Airport Commission meeting, Airport staff explained that they were unable to acquire bids on the relocation of the FAA Medium-Intensity Approach Lighting System (MALSR) cables. Since staff was unable to receive bids, staff received Airport Commission approval to negotiate a contract with a local electric contractor in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 to avoid delaying the County's project. Airport staff has since negotiated a contract for the work with Hoffman Electric Company in an amount not to exceed \$32,000.

Replacement Lighting Fixtures for Hourly/Long-Term Parking Garages –Event No. 743 – Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport. The Savannah Airport Commission received approval for purchase of Replacement Lighting Fixtures for Hourly/Long-Term Parking Garages from CED, Inc. in the amount of \$152,800.00. The purchase consists of 800 each designed retrofit replacement induction light fixtures for the Hourly/Long-Term Parking Garage.

Original lighting has been extremely unreliable since being installed during the construction of the parking garage. Currently there are approximately 250 failed lights and they continue to fail at a rapid pace. The number of failed lights is beginning to pose a safety hazard. Failures began within less than 1 year of installation. Airport staff worked with the installer and lighting manufacturer with little resolution. The lighting manufacturer extended the warranty for 1 additional year and then walked away from this issue. The proposed American Green Technology 80 watt Induction lighting with approved ballast combo will be installed in original fixture housing. The retrofit fixture and ballast combo will be warranted for a minimum period of 10 years or 60,000 hours (whichever comes first) from date of purchase.

The Airport has spent three years sampling and studying the appropriate lighting for the parking garages. It has been determined that the induction lighting will provide the required light output and energy cost savings.

Water and Sewer Agreement – Savannah Festival Outlet Center Commercial. Comm 2006-C8 Gateway Blvd, LP received a water and sewer agreement for Savannah Festival Outlet Center Commercial. The water and sewer systems have adequate capacity to serve this 30-equivalent

residential unit development located at 11 Gateway Boulevard, South. The agreement is consistent with policy directives given by the Mayor and Aldermen and has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney for legal format.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

End Zone, Inc. t/a End Zone. A hearing for Susan Lingerfelser to show cause why her application to renew an annual liquor, beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales and Hybrid permits at 11414 Abercorn Street, which has a 2012 liquor, beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales and Hybrid permits and is located between Largo and Idlewood Drives in District 6, should not be revoked based on the recommendation of the Savannah- Chatham Metropolitan Police Department.

Upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Thomas and unanimously carried the hearing was deferred until the next meeting of Council on February 21, 2013.

Alderman Hall recognized a young, up and coming administrator in the County who was just appointed Principal of East Broad Street Elementary School Kimberly A. Chappell-Stevens. He and Alderman Bell congratulated her and wished her well in this new appointment. Alderman Osborne said the Council received an invitation to meet with the school Tuesday, February 12th. Alderman Bell pointed out that Ms. Stevens also serves on the Thunderbolt City Council.

Alderman Johnson said he wanted to give credit where it is due, the day before the Mayor met with the US Attorney General and he invited her to visit his office in Washington, DC. She thanked him for the Federal support he gave Savannah. Mayor Jackson said with the help of the Savannah Attorney General the Council will set appointments to meet with other people within the White House Administration. As a part of the National League of Cities, March is the lobbying month. She asked the City Manager to make the schedule available to the public

Alderman Shabazz announced the 86th Anniversary of Carver Street Bank which will be held at the Civic Center at 2:00 pm Saturday, February 9th.

There being no further business, Mayor Jackson declared this meeting of Council adjourned.



Dyanne C. Reese, MMC
Clerk of Council